Sri B. MADHAVACHAR.—Has Dr. Modi made a specific scheme, offering his services in connection with the eradication of blindness in the Mysore State?

Sri T. CHANNIAH.—Yes.

Sri B. MADHAVACHAR.—May I ask if the scheme is going to be considered favourably?

Mr. SPEAKER.—Please refer to answer (*b*).

Sri M. PALANIYAPPAN.—May I know for what period Dr. Modi stayed in the Mysore State?

Sri T. CHANNIAH.—He stayed for a period of about two months.

Sri M. PALANIYAPPAN.—May I know the number of cases he has treated in Bangalore?

Sri T. CHANNIAH.—Government have not got the exact figures, but he has treated more than 10,000 patients.

Sri M. PALANIYAPPAN.—What are the facilities that the Government have given to him?

Sri T. CHANNIAH.—I have stated in the answer that Government have given such assistance as was possible.

Mr. SPEAKER.—Questions Nos. 44 and 131 are similar. They may be taken up together.

Revenue from Major Hospitals.

Q.—44. **Sri B. NARAYANASWAMY** (Mysore City South).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) the estimated income by the introduction and enhancement of fees in the several hospitals in the State;

(*b*) the expenditure made per year for purchase of medicines to—

(i) major hospitals,

(ii) local fund dispensaries in the State;

(*c*) the average revenue per year derived from major hospitals in the State such as Victoria Hospital, Bowring Hospital and Krishnarajendra Hospital;

(*d*) whether they are aware that the introduction of levy of fees in local fund dispensaries has caused hardship to the poor?

A.—**Sri T. CHANNIAH** (Minister for Public Health and Local Self-Government)—

(*a*) This has not been estimated.

(*b*) Expenditure incurred per year for the purchase of medicines to major hospitals is Rs. 14,00,000 including the Local Fund Dispensaries in the State.

Separate figures for the two categories of institutions are not available.

(*c*) Rs. 4,79,000.

(*d*) No.

Sri B. NARAYANASWAMY.—I have no supplementaries to ask.

Levying fees in all hospitals and local fund dispensaries.

Q.—131. **Sri J. MOHAMED IMAM** (Jagalur).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) whether it is not a fact that the Government have levied fees in all Hospitals and Local Fund Dispensaries for the medical services rendered therein;

(*b*) whether the Government consulted the Legislature before they passed the Government Order?

A.—**Sri T. CHANNIAH** (Minister for Public health and Local Self-Government).—

(*a*) It is a fact that the Government have levied fees in all hospitals and L.F. Dispensaries in Cities and Municipal areas for the medical services rendered therein.

No out-patient fee is prescribed for treatment in Dispensaries and Hospitals in rural areas.

(*b*) No.

Sri J. MOHAMED IMAM.—May I know the date on which the Order levying the fees was passed?

Sri T. CHANNIAH.—24th November 1952.

Sri J. MOHAMED IMAM.—Will the Government state the date on which they received the report of the Committee that was appointed to examine this matter?

Sri T. CHANNIAH.—On the 14th April 1952.